

MINUTES

of the

Upper Bear River Distribution System February 21, 1990

At 11:15 on February 21, 1990, the meeting was called to order by Lee Sim. Mr. Sim welcomed all present.

Minutes of the 1989 meeting were read by Bob Fotheringham. A motion was made by Norman Weston to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Dallas Johnson. Motion passed.

The 1989 financial report was read by Lee Sim. It was reported that the account of Norman Weston was delinquent and was therefore assessed a delinquency fee. Norman Weston stated that the account had been paid. A motion was made by Norman Weston to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Blair Francis. Motion passed.

The 1989 Commissioners report was presented by Dan Peart. He indicated that Woodruff Creek did good. Woodruff Narrows did not fill, but there was enough water stored to raise crops. Otter Creek was okay. Meadowville was a learning experience this year. He had misplaced his May 18th measurement, so it was not in the report. Dan told the group that he was resigning as commissioner. Lee Sim expressed appreciation for a job well done. Theron asked if anything came of the distribution of Meadowville Creek. Dan said that he felt that Meadowville Creek should be divided on time rather than splitting it up. It needs measuring devices. Theron ask if there was any way to prevent waste water up above. Dan indicated that he has measured Cook Reservoir. The Barrow pit waste water was briefly discussed. George Frazier moved that the commissioners report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Blair Francis. Motion passed.

Lee Sim recommended that the 1990 budget be tabled at the present to discuss the appointment of a new commissioner. Blair Francis asked how a new commissioner was appointed. Bob Johnson from the Beckwith-Quinn Canal might be interested. Steve Huffaker from the Woodruff Canal, and Jeff Williams from the Randolph Canal also may be interested. Lee Sim recommended that we discuss the possible candidates with the water users. To help select a commissioner a committee was formed. Those selected to be on the committee were:

George Frazier - Woodruff Creek
Blair Francis - Bear River
Theron Weston - Meadowville Creek
Ross Jackson - Otter Creek

Theron made the comment; "does that mean that I can't steal the water anymore". It was agreed that the committee would meet on March 9, 1990 in Randolph. Letters would be sent to the three candidates that showed interest. Also if anyone else was interested they should let a member of the committee know.

At this time Lee Sim chose to discuss the new budget. He indicated that there may need to be an increase in the budget for the new commissioner. Also Dan Peart suggested that the assessments should be increased to Meadowville, Woodruff Creek and Bear River because they were taking more time. George Frazier questioned the amount of an increase, and Bob Fotheringham ask what percent of time has been increased. Dan Peart stated at least 50 percent.

Norman Weston asked about the snow report as that would be an indication as to the amount of work that would be required of the new commissioner this year. Lee Sim read that as of February 1, 1990, it was at 63%. Blair Francis stated that there is more snow and takes issue with the 63%. He states that it may be there now. There is 9516 acre feet stored in Woodruff Narrows now. It didn't fill, but had 15,000 acre feet stored this time last year. Sulphur Creek has 9,000 to 10,000 acre feet stored, however they would be worse off this year. Lee Sim suggested the contractual services be increased to \$10,000 for the new commissioner. Dan Peart stated he thought that amount would be fair. Ken Brown stated that he would feel better at \$9,000. At this point there was considerable discussion about the Meadowville situation, and Glen Thompson stated they should be assessed on a percentage of time.

Blair Francis felt that it would be good to offer a package that would entice someone to stay; stating that "1990 may be a \$10,000 year." Bob Fotheringham stated that they were really paying for the record. Lee Sim suggested they leave everything else the same in the budget, but increase the commissioners salary. That would mean a \$12,000 budget. Norman Weston made the motion that the budget be set at \$12,200 with assessments being \$10,100. Ken Brown seconded. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the board of directors. A motion was made by Blair Francis that they keep the same board of directors. Norman Weston seconded. Motion carried.

Lee Sim stated that Meadowville didn't get their measuring devices because of a bad assessment list, but would get them in this year. Theron Weston was concerned about the cost. Lee Sim stated that it would cost approximately \$2400 for the whole system for four devices. (Tuft Creek, Meadowville Canal and Meadowville Creek) A measuring device has already been installed by Del Cook on North Creek. Del Cook needs to submit a bill to the distribution system to be reimbursed. Theron Weston also asked about a measuring device on Lower Meadowville Creek. Lee Sim stated that it would have to be looked at. There was

discussion. He stated he would talk with those interested in the water in Meadowville after the meeting.

Lee ask if there was any more business. The meeting adjourned at 12:25.

Those in attendance were:

NAME

REPRESENTING

Theron Weston	Meadowville, Utah
June Weston	Meadowville, Utah
Frank Weston	Meadowville, Utah
Del Cook	Meadowville, Utah
Blair R. Francis	Woodruff, Utah
Glen Thompson	Randolph, Utah
G. R. Peart	Dykens Canal
Norman E. Weston	Laketown, Utah
L. Dallas Johnson	Beckwith-Quinn Westside Canal
Blaine Thomsen	Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Robert M. Fotheringham	Division of Water Rights
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Dan Peart	Upper Bear River Commissioner
William Atkin	Division of Water Rights
Ken Brown	Rich County Commissioner